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One week remains for "Stop Delaying – Start Paying" Child Support Amnesty initiative

MCPO offering appointments for the next six days, Saturday hours included

(Indianapolis, Ind.) One week remains for noncustodial parents who are behind in their child support payments to participate in the MCPO's "Stop Delaying – Start Paying" Child Support Amnesty initiative. The six week program will conclude on Friday, Sept. 30.

"I encourage anyone who has fallen behind in their child support to come work with us to get on track, regardless of the amount," said Prosecutor Terry Curry. "Whether they owe \$1,000 or \$100,000, if they stop delaying and start paying now, we will help them get job assistance, keep their driver's license, and avoid criminal or civil charges."

Launched on August 17, "Stop Delaying – Start Paying," foregoes prosecution and extends other considerations to noncustodial parents who begin making their child support payments. Noncustodial parents who set up child support payments also can utilize the job assistance services through the MCPO's "Parents That Work" program. This free resource offered by the MCPO can be used to help parents find a job, or through mentoring, maintain their employment. Since the amnesty program's launch in mid-August, participation in "Parents That Work" has doubled.

To assist parents who contact the Child Support Division, the MCPO is extending office hours for walk-in appointments. The main office, located at 251 E. Ohio St., is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday hours will be offered by appointment on September 24, from 8 a.m. to Noon. To schedule an appointment, arrange payment, or for more information, parents can contact www.indy.gov/childsupport or call327-1800.

Last year, the MCPO collected approximately \$100 million in child support. The office currently is managing approximately 76,000 child support cases.